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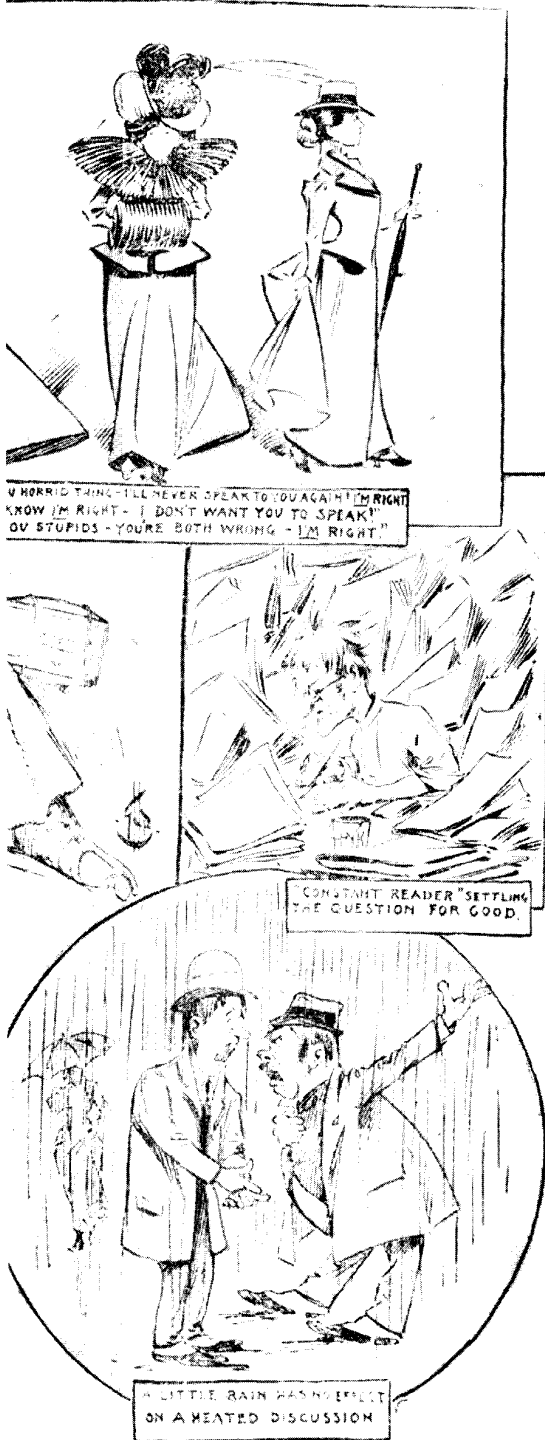
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# Introductory Section

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*Organization Chart of State Government*

*List of Principal State Officials*

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As you can see from this collage of cartoons from 1900, the controversy regarding when the turn of the century actually occurs is not new.

Throughout this report we have illustrated some of the changes that we have experienced in Massachusetts during the twentieth century as well as examples of some things that have remained unchanged.

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## Statistics



### At The Turn of the Century

	1900	1998
World population	1.6 billion	5.9 billion
Top city population	London — 6.6 million	Tokyo — 27 million
Largest U.S. city	New York — 3.4 million	New York — 16 million
U.S. life expectancy	47 years	76 years
Marriages	709,000	2,336,000
Divorces	55,751	1,169,000
U.S. average weekly salary	\$9.70	\$435.00
U.S. unemployment	5%	4.6%
U.S. average hours worked weekly	52.0	37.9
U.S. number of farms	5.7 million	2 million
Cost of a dozen eggs	14 cents	\$1.12
Cost of a pound of butter	24 cents	\$2.35
Cost of a pound of sugar	4 cents	43 cents
Most popular play	<i>You Can Never Tell</i> By G. B. Shaw	<i>The Lion King</i> from Disney
Most popular song	<i>A Bird in a Gilded Cage</i>	<i>My Heart Will Go On</i>
On tour	Houdini	Riverdance

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1900 photograph of children in the North End, courtesy of the Bostonian Society.

Contemporary photograph of children, courtesy of Lauren Benison.